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# Formulation of a Prediction Index with the Help of WEKA Tool for Guiding the Stock Market Investors

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#### ABSTRACT

Prediction of stock prices using various computer programs is on rise. Popularly known in the field of finance as algorithmic trading, a radical transformation has taken place in the field of stock markets for decision making through automated decision making agents. Machine learning techniques can be applied for predicting stock prices. This paper attempts to study the various stock market forecasting processes available in the forecasting plugin of the WEKA tool. Twenty experiments have been conducted on twenty different stocks to analyse the prediction capacity of the tool.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Stock Prediction is an extremely difficult task as the stock prices are based on a variety of factors. Fundamental analysis and technical analysis are the two mechanisms that help to take decisions regarding stocks. Machine learning techniques are gaining popularity for stock price prediction. Through various experiments conducted it is feasible to test the machine learning techniques and select the ideal one for predicting stock prices (Vatsal H.Shah, 2007). Machine Learning (Mitchell, 1997) is a mature and well recognised research area of computer science mainly concerned with discovery of models, patterns and other regularities in data. In this paper the time series forecasting technique has been applied through the forecasting plugin of WEKA. The following four methods -Linear Regression, Gaussian Process, Multilayer Perceptron and SMOreg have been used for prediction of stock prices.

#### **Literature Review**

Machine Learning (Mitchell, 1997) is a mature and well recognised research area of computer science mainly concerned with discovery of models, patterns and other regularities in data. Machine learning is divided into two approaches. The first approach is termed as the Symbolic approach which includes inductive learning of symbolic rules, decision trees or logical representations. The second approach is the statistical approach which includes instance based learning, Bayesian classifiers and support vector machines. The approaches are two but their effectivenss in learning is quite comparable (Michie, Spiegelhalter and Taylor, 1994).

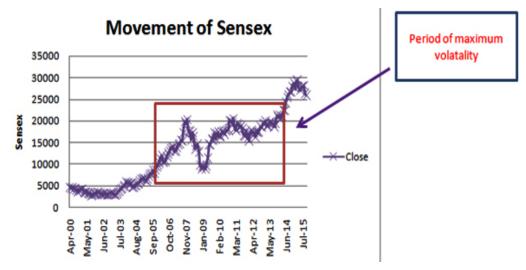
According to Written and Frank (2005) data mining can be defined as "solving problems by analysing data that already exists in the databases". To put it in a different way it can be said that the solution lies infront of you, it just needs to be analysed. Today almost all the data is in electronic form and so collating data is not the problem. Ample of data is available. The need of the hour is the analysis of the data to get the desired results which can be done through data mining.

Machine learning began with perceptrons which are know called as neural networks. (Rumelhart and McClelland, 1986),decision tree learners like ID3 (Quinlan, 1979, 1986) and CART(Breiman et al, 1984) and rule learners like AQ (Michlaksi 1969) and INDUCE (Michalski,1980). Data mining and Knowledge Discovery in databases appeared as a recognisable research discipline in the early 1990s(Piatetsky –Shapiro and Frawley, 1991).

**Online Transaction Processing and Online** Analytical Processing(OLTP and OLAP) techniques could answer gueries with very little turnaround time data mining addressed the "question of asking the right question" scenario. Various data mning techniques were used on a trial and error process. As the techniques and processes eveloved it gave rise to the cross-industry standard process for data mining (CRISP-DM; Chapman et al., 2000) which is a standard that will be independent of the tool, industry and the problem to be solved. It defines the crucial steps for the knowledge discovery process. (Business understanding, Data understanding, Data preparation through data cleaning and preprocessing, Data mining , Evaluation and interpretation of the results, Deployment). The various tools available for data mining include IBM intelligent data miner, SAS Enterprise Miner, WEKA, RAPID-I (formerly known as YALE), statistical analysis package R, Konstanz Information Miner (KNIME).

#### Objective of the study

The main objective of the study is develop a computer based system / framework for assisting users to invest in the stock market and benefit from the same. The aim was not to develop a complete automated system but providing an indicator for



Period : 2006-2010

Fig. 1 : Movement of Sensex over a period of 15 years from the year 2000 to 2015 (Source :Bombay Stock Exchange Website)

the investor as a guiding factor. Reason being that a completely automated system lacks the human capability of decision making which involves different aspects including intuition, use of recent news regarding the company and its impact on the price to name a few, which surely a fully automated system will not be able to cater to.

#### Test Data Time Horizon

Subprime mortgage crisis period was from 2007-2010 which was the result of defaults in subprime loans given to borrowers which started in the US but had a larger impact on all the other economies making the stock prices across the

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Symbol	Scrip code	Industry the company belongs to.
01	Reliance Capital Ltd.	Relcapital	500111	Finance (including NBFCs)
02	Reliance Industries Ltd.	Reliance	500325	Integrated Oil and Gas
03	Reliance Natural Resources Ltd.	RNRL	Suspended Merger wit Reliance Power Ltd	h Energy
04	Coral Hub Limited	Coral Hub	Suspended due to penal reasons	IT Software Products
05	ICICI Bank Limited	ICICI BAnk	532174	Banks
06	Larsen and Turbo Limited	LT	500510	Construction and Engineering
07	Reliance Communications Ltd	Rcom	532712	Telecom Services
08	Reliance Infrastructure Ltd	Relinfra	500390	Infrastrcture
09	State Bank of India Ltd	SBIN	500112	Banks
10	Sel Manufacturing Co.Ltd	SelMcl	532886	Textiles
11	Tata Steel Ltd	Tatasteel	500470	Iron and Steel /
12	Reliance Petroleum	RPL	532939	Interm products
	Limited	Merger with RNF	RL Petrol	
13	Bharati Airtel	Bharatiartl	532454	Telecom Services
14	Delhi Land and Finance Limited	DLF	532868	Realty
15	Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited	BHEL	500103	Heavy Electrical
16	Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited	Chamblfert	500085	Fertilizers
17	Axis Bank Limited	AXISBANK	532215	Banks
18	Essar Oil Limited	Essaroil	500134	Integrated Oil and Gas
19	Housing Development and Infrastructure Limited	HDIL	532873	Realty
20	Jaiprakash Associates Limited	JPAssoc	532532	Construction and Engineering
2211	Infosys Limited	Infy	500209	IT Construction and Software
22	Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited	Ranbaxy	500359	Pharma
23	Housing Development Finance Corp Ltd	HDFC	500010	Housing Finance

#### Table 1 : Most Active Securities 2008 (Source : Bombay Stock Exchange Website)

globe tumble down. The investors faith in the financial markets was shaken due to the same. For testing the data the most volatile period has been chosen. Figure 1 depicts the movement of Sensex for a period of 15 years.

#### Stock Exchange

Bombay Stock Exchange–Considered to be 8th Largest exchange Globally in terms of market capitalization - Over USD 1.50 Trillion.<sup>1</sup>Development on the technological front - In the year 1995 the electronic trading was introduced within a time span of 50 days. This fully automated computerized mode of trading is known as BSE Online Trading (BOLT), a system both order and quote driven. BOLT was operational using screen based trading and it switched over to the direct online access facility in September 1997. In the infant stages BOLT was available to brokers of the BSE based in Mumbai through leased lines. Today, it is available all over the country and even abroad in the form of BOLT Plus. The new Trading Architecture – Eurex T7 Platform is one of the differentiating factors of the exchange.

#### Stocks chosen

Twenty most volatile stocks during August 2008 were decidedas the test data.

#### **Testing Matrix**

The testing matrix was developed by allocating the stocks on a quarterly basis in order of selection to avoid any bias.

#### **Tool and Methods used**

Forecasting plugin of the WEKA tool.

# Four methods were implemented through the tool

- 1. LinearRegression
- 2. Gaussian process
- 3. Multilayer Perceptron
- 4. SmoReg

#### WEKA

WEKA implements many machine learning methods. Testing one random stock it was found that the results are helpful to develop

Year	Quarter	Company
2006 -	Q1	a.Reliance Capital Ltd.
2007	April , May , June	b.Reliance Industries Ltd.
		cICICI Bank Limited
		dLarsen and Turbo Limited
		e. Reliance Communications Ltd
2007-	Q2	a.Reliance Infrastructure Ltd
2008	July , August , September	b.State Bank of India Ltd
		c.Sel Manufacturing Co.Ltd
		d.Tata Steel Ltd
		e. Bharati Airtel Limited
2008-	Q3	a.Delhi Land and Finance Limited
2009	October, November, December	b.Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
		c.Chambal Fertilisers and
		Chemicals Limited
		d.Axis Bank Limited
		e.Essar Oil Limited
2009-	Q4	a.Housing Development and
		Infrastructure Limited
2010	January , February , March	b.Jaiprakash Associates Limited
		c Infosys Limited.
		d.Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited
		e.HDFC

#### **Table 2: Testing Matrix**

the Prediction Indicator (PreID) which will act as a guide for investors. Though time consuming as 20 experiments were conducted to establish the reliability, WEKA was chosen for development of PreID. The Weka project has received funding from the Government of New Zealand from 1993. The original funding application stated the project's goal as

"The programme aims to build a state of art facility for developing techniques of machine learning and investigating their application in key areas of the New Zealand economy. Specifically we will create a workbench for machine learning , determine the factors that contribute towards its successful application in the agriculture industries and develop new methods of machine learning and ways of assessing their effectiveness ."

After development of the interface and infrastructure of the workbench the WEKA acronym was coined and the Attribute Relation File Format (ARFF) used by the system was effectively created.

Weka is a collection of machine learning algorithm for data mining tasks. (Data mining is the process of discovering insightful, interesting and novel patterns as well as descriptive , understandable and predictive models from large scale data<sup>1</sup>. Weka stands for Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis. It is a free software written in Java developed at the University of Waikato. It is available as an open source through GNU General Public License. It has a comprehensive collection of modelling techniques supported by data pre processing. An user interface in the form of explorer can be used with supporting knowledge framework for data mining tasks.

#### **Time Series Forecasting**

In the versions 3.7.3 and above Weka has a dedicated time series environment. This environment can be successfully used for developing, visualising and evaluating forecasting models. This chapter shall show implementation of forecasting models on stock market prices for future predictions. A time series model is preferred in the following situations – a)there are many factors affecting the concerned variable and information about such

variables is limited b) the quantity / volume of data is very high and c) the main objective is predicting or a short period of time. The time series model is said to be stationery if there is no systematic change in variance and if strictly periodic variations are removed (Chatfield). This holds true especially with seasonal based spikes / observations. It case of a non-stationery time series it can be divided into stochastic and deterministic. The stochastic models generally holds true for economic processes, climate changes where randomness forms the base. The deterministic model generally has some physical explanation for a trend or a seasonal fluctuation. Time Series Analysis by the Princeton University Press (James D.Hamilton) describes the mathematical part of time series in depth. In this chapter the application of these mathematical models have been used through the forecasting plug in avaialbe through Pentaho.

#### Data Analysis and Inferences

The Mean Absolute Error and Root MEAN Square Error have been calculated to analyse the error in prediction of the forecasted prices.

#### Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

It measures the magnitude of the error in a series of forecasts. It ignores the direction. Also it gives equally weightage to each individual difference making it a linear score. It is a toll used widely in model evaluations. In their paper evaluated MAE and Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) in the most precise manner and have tried to interpreted their meanings and usage in depth. They Support the use of RMSE though Willmott and Matsuura (2005) had raised some concerns on the use of RMSE.

MAE=  $1/n \sum_{i=1}^{n} |e_i|$ 

#### **Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)**

This is a quadratic squaring rule which measures the average magnitude of the error. The difference between the forecasted and the observed value is each squared and then averaged over the sample. Square root of the sample is taken. The squaring ensures higher weightage to the large errors. (In stock market prediction this will be appreciated for better accuracy).

**RMSE** = 
$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}e_i^2}$$

While testing the results of the experiments conducted through the WEKA environment, both MAE and RMSE have been used for evaluating the model. One major advantage of the use of RMSE as cited by T.Chai and R.R.Daxler (2014) is RMSE avoids absolute value which helps to evaluate the model better. The errors computed in WEKA show an increase with each step. The reason being that the next step calculation contains the previous forecast which already has an error embedded within it being a forecast.

#### RESULTS

1. The analysis reflected that the difference between the actual and predicted prices was

fairly good for eighteen stocks. Prediction of two stocks did not produce good results.

- 2. Linear Regression model took the least time to build as compared to the other models and SMOreg took the maximum time to build the model.
- The Gaussian and SMOreg process gave more accurate results. Linear Regression and Multilayer Perceptron results were ranked lower on the accuracy parameter.
- HDFC (Gaussian Process Quarter four)

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Reliance Communications Limited and Essar Oil (All four methods – Linear Regression, Gaussian process, Multilayer Perceptron and

Quarter	Stock	Year		ndex value asis Points	Accuracy
Q1	Reliance	2006	Original	835.18	
	Industries Ltd		Last	1,019.02	
			Forecast	977.99 Decline	
			Diff	41.03	
			Actual	1,075.23	91%
Q2	Tata Steel Ltd	2007	Original	617.88	
			Last	794.61	
			Forecast	747.70 Decline	
			Difference	46.91	
			Actual	919.50	81%
Q3	Axis Bank Ltd	2008	Original	674.25	
			Last	500.13	
			Forecast	484.63 Decline	
			Difference	15.50	
			Actual	539.40	90%
Q4	HDFC Ltd	2009	Original	2,646.06	
			Last	2,631.29	
			Forecast	2,775.25 Rise	
			Difference	-143.96	
			Actual		
2662.87					96%

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SmoReg and all four quarters of the Indian Financial Year) - The results of all the four methods on two stocks namely Reliance Communications Limited and Essar Oil Limited did not give good results. The difference between the actual and predicted prices was very high. The forecasted prices were very high as compared to the actual prices. The importance of having a stop loss mechanism in the framework is reiterated with the results.

Aseema Dake Kulkarni Weka is an open source software that uses Linear Regression , Gaussian process , Multilayer Perceptron and SmoReg methods for analysis. Mathematically also it would give the same result as the software uses the mathematical base itself. A black box approach has been followed here where the input and output are being analysed by using WEKA for the mathematical calculations.

#### Formulation of Prediction Index (Preld)

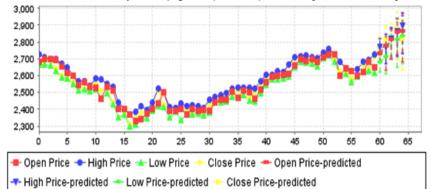
The market movement needs to be measured for analysing performance of the stock. As analysed in the survey, investors find the market

risky. Risk cannot be eliminated but investor can surely be made aware of the stock's performance in future. Keeping this framework in mind a prediction index has been developed. While computing the index weights have been assigned as per the time series to the closing price. Also the index is based on the forecast done through WEKA.

Prediction Index Computation assuming one stock of the company is held by the investor is as below. It has been computed by the weighted average method used on the forecasted prices. Weights have been assigned based on the time horizon. The accuracy percentage is computed to measure the forecasting accuracy provided by WEKA. The below index value is computed on the basis of the Gaussian process.

Similarly Prediction indices for Open Price ,High Price and Low Price can be computed. Computation of the PreID marks the end of the study conducted during this study. Also a stop loss mechanism should always be exercised as a precautionary measure in case of unwarranted

Future forecast for: Open Price, High Price, Low Price, Close Price [95% conf. intervals]



		Fore	cast		Actual				Difference in percentage			ntage
Day	Open Price	High Price	Low Price	Close Price	Open Price	High Price	Low Price	Close Price	Open Price	High Price	Low Price	Close Price
Linear Regression												
Day 1	2735.05	2771.56	2682.15	2770.74	2735.00	2789.90	2723.00	2782.45	0.00	-0.66	-1.50	-0.42
Day 2	2777.39	2768.57	2715.02	2813.56	2792.00	2799.00	2768.10	2789.55	-0.52	-1.09	-1.92	0.86
Day 3	2816.80	2817.66	2826.67	2828.01	2795.00	2832.50	2782.00	2823.75	0.78	-0.52	1.61	0.15
Day 4	2861.77	2862.00	2814.52	2884.78	2810.00	2815.00	2782.60	2804.75	1.84	1.67	1.15	2.85
Day 5	2864.63	2895.76	2837.90	2818.35	2797.80	2797.80	2715.00	2724.65	2.39	3.50	4.53	3.44

situations, to quote the Flash Crash<sup>1</sup>as an example.

#### CONCLUSION

Marking the end of the research with a prediction indicator a value addition for the current literature available on diversification of risk through multiple investment avenues has been sought. Using WEKA the machine learning techniques have been used which have given good results. Twenty experiments were time consuming but have surely contributed to the assurance of the prediction capability.(Footnotes)

The Flash Crash took place on May 6, 2010 2:30 pm EST and is one of the best quoted examples of sudden turbulence in the stock market. The tussle between the efficient market hypothesis theory and the algo traders (traders using algorithms for executing orders for better results) can be put to rest. Impossible to predict with hundred percent accuracy level but prediction above ninety percent accuracy with a limiting factor for protection can be well appreciated. To quote an except from Graham and Dodd's Security Analysis , "It follows that once an investor pays a substantial amount for the growth factor , he is inevitably assuming certain kinds of risk viz that the growth will be less than he anticipates , that over the long pull he will have paid too much for what he gets , that for a considerable period the market will value the stock less optimistically than he does."

The above quote beautifully explains the fact that any approach towards investing has risk involved. Risk cannot be eliminated but can surely be minimised. Also risk should be used to one's benefit for good returns assuming the risk-return paradigm holds true. Stock market investing is a world of opportunities left for the investor to be explored through tools and techniques suiting one's risk appetite.

#### **Further Research**

The academic research about stock price prediction conducted as a part of this study leaves a good amount of scope for future research in this area.

	1 step	2 step	3 step	4 step	5 step
Linear Regression					
Open Price					
N	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	13.445	24.7532	29.7201	35.5976	45.8024
Root mean squared error	16.9378	33.2592	37.82	44.3329	56.1438
High Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	17.6064	25.3619	30.9794	36.5881	46.4393
Root mean squared error	21.1591	33.8358	40.6815	46.5541	54.2243
Low Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	15.0158	22.4593	28.0472	35.337	44.2954
Root mean squared error	19.3446	29.6638	35.3902	44.7658	54.7794
Close Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	19.0453	27.0552	35.8737	44.729	49.1259
Root mean squared error	24.4963	35.7682	44.5024	55.5436	60.7565

#### **Evaluation of the forecast - HDFC**

First, from the academic point of view, formulating practice into theory is required. In the academic context the fundamental analysis and the technical indicators are well established, but trading algorithms are more popular in practice than in the academia. By incorporating formal theories about the same these algorithms can also be made popular in the academia. There are many algorithms used by brokerage houses and traders which are confidential in nature. These algorithms being an



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Day	Open	High	Low	Close	Open	High	Low	Close	Open	High	Low	Close
	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price
Gaussian Process												
Day 1	2735.05	2771.56	2682.15	2770_74	2735.00	2789_90	2723.00	2782.45	0.00	-0.66	-1_50	-0.42
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Day3	2816.80	2817.66	2826.67	2828.01	2795.00	2832.50	2782.00	2823.75	0_78	-0_52	1_61	0.15
Day4	2861.77	2862.00	2814_52	2884.78	2810.00	2815.00	2782.60	2804.75	1.84	1.67	1.15	2.85
Day 5	2864.63	2895.76	2837_90	2818.35	2797.80	2797.80	2715.00	2724.65	2.39	3_50	4_53	3.44

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intellectual property right is difficult to be bought into the literature fully, but atleast few of them which may be shared by them should be incorporated.

One observation during the experiments was that as the period increased the results were

getting affected. Further research can be carried out to increase the time horizon for prediction. Time horizon may be increased by – changing the tool used for prediction, applying the same tool with more additional factors under consideration or using a new theoretical base for prediction.



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Day	Open	High	Low	Close	Open	High	Low	Close	Open	High	Low	Close
	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price
Multilayer Perceptor												
Day 1	2649.26	277857	2654_38	2739_12	2735.00	2789_90	2723.00	2782.45	-3_14	-0_41	-2.52	-1.56
Day2	2673.53	2762.55	2605.17	2711.32	2792.00	2799.00	2768_10	2789.55	-4.24	-1_30	-5.89	-2.80
Day3	2684.46	2760.69	2626.72	2703.63	2795.00	2832.50	2782.00	2823.75	-3.95	-2.54	-5_58	-4.25
Day4	2647.62	2750.46	2593.79	2691.87	2810.00	2815.00	2782.60	2804.75	-5.78	-2.29	-6.79	-4.02
Day5	2638.99	2710.68	2558.99	2650.39	2797.80	2797.80	2715.00	2724.65	-5.68	-3_11	-5.75	-2.73

#### **Evaluation of the forecast - HDFC**

	1 step ahead	2 step ahead	3 step ahead	4 step ahead	5 step ahead
Multilayer Perceptron					
Open Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	20.0032	50.7924	58.7218	67.7724	62.2628
Root mean squared error	25.4623	57.7831	64.9863	73.7773	69.6545
High Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	21.6696	55.2902	66.9127	69.9507	54.5885
Root mean squared error	25.5134	58.5753	71.2105	76.8131	63.3157
Low Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	26.4178	56.5628	66.1668	75.088	51.8592
Root mean squared error	30.6081	61.857	71.2813	80.3652	59.8302
Close Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	52.5351	79.3283	94.6178	92.807	73.3666
Root mean squared error	57.1108	83.9703	99.5062	102.276	84.119

Future research work will surely refine and verify the current research conducted. It may also add some extra dimensions making the research work more refined.

#### Limitations

The index has been developed for small investors. Views of brokerage house and Investment banks employees have not been considered. The reason was a detailed thought process evolving the framework was considered keeping the end user and his/her expectations in mind. If their views are studied a new dimension can be added to the said framework.

Also brokerage and securities transaction tax has not been considered while computing the profit as only gross profit has been considered.

While acknowledging these limitations, it can still be said beyond doubt that research exhibits an effective comprehension of the investor preferences. Accordingly the study authenticates the developed framework.

Illustration – Results of the last experiment conducted. Experiment No. 20 – Housing Development Finance Co-op Ltd (HDFC)

Housing Development Finance Co-op

Limited's share has a face value of 2 Rs. While preprocessing the data in WEKA it was observed that the stock price ranged between Rs.2300– Rs.2759 during the fourth quarter of 2009-10

#### HDFC– Linear Regression

The predicted price range is Rs.2682.15 to Rs.2895.76.

The range of difference in percentage is zero for the open price. This was the last experiment and it has given 100% accuracy result for the open price prediction on day one. This is the only experiment that has given 100% results. The range of difference in percentage is 0.00% to 4.53%.

The MAE and RMSE value is highest for computation of the close price being 19.0453 (MAE) and 24.4963 (RMSE) for day one prediction.

#### HDFC – Gaussian Process

The predicted price range is Rs.2682.15 to Rs.2895.76.

The range of difference in percentage is zero for the open price. This was the last experiment and it has given 100% accuracy result for the open price prediction on day one. This is the only



		Fare	caat		Actual				Difference in percentage			
	Open	High	Lee	Close	Open	High	Lew	Chee	Open	High	Low	Clase
Day	Price	Price	Price	Prize								
SMORE	5											
Day 1	2668.59	2705.49	2651.63	2682.26	2795.00	2719.90	2723.00	2782.45	-2.49	-9.08	-2.62	-9.60
Day 2	2670.99	2707.84	2653.50	2516.42	2792.00	2799.00	2768.10	2789.55	-4.96	-9.26	-4.14	-9.70
Day 9	2670.68	2708.09	2654.02	2688.19	2795.00	2832.50	2782.00	2123.75	-4.45	-4.99	-4.60	-4.80
Day4	2669.85	2709.24	2659.92	2688.61	2810.00	2815.00	2782.60	2104.75	4.99	-9.76	-465	-4.14
Day 5	2668.12	2709.71	2652.01	2688.67	2797.20	2797.20	2715.00	272A.65	-4.63	-9.15	-2.92	-1.92

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SMOreg					
Open Price					
N	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	26.2756	34.5181	39.6782	42.3616	44.6451
Root mean squared error	34.295	43.7984	49.8633	54.1523	56.4474
High Price					
N	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	27.5766	34.6162	39.2698	41.9741	43.3769
Root mean squared error	36.7542	45.2719	50.1008	53.321	54.5421
Low Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	26.8539	34.8737	40.4179	42.9858	43.5055
Root mean squared error	35.5407	43.8863	49.7503	52.9218	53.7829
Close Price					
Ν	53	52	51	50	49
Mean absolute error	33.1777	39.6246	43.5137	45.6101	45.7919
Root mean squared error	43.0083	50.2365	54.9176	57.4246	58.1713

#### **Evaluation of the forecast - HDFC**

experiment that has given 100% results. The range of difference in percentage is 0.00% to 4.53%.

The MAE and RMSE value is highest for computation of the close price being 19.0453 (MAE) and 24.4963 (RMSE) for day one prediction.

#### HDFC - MLP

The predicted price range is Rs.2558.99 to Rs.2778.57.

For all the instances the forecasted prices are lower than the actual prices so we can call this a conservative forecast. The range of difference in percentage is 0.41% to 6.79%. The MAE and RMSE value is highest for computation of the close price being 52.5351(MAE) and 57.1108 (RMSE) for day one prediction.

#### HDFC – SMOReg

The predicted price range is Rs.2651.63 to Rs.2709.24.

The range of difference in percentage is 1.32% to 4.99%. In all the instances the forecasted prices are lower than the actual prices.

The MAE and RMSE value is highest for computation of the close price being 33.17777(MAE) and 43.0083 (RMSE) for day one prediction.

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